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CTC ALLOCATES \$101 MILLION TO EXPAND STATE'S ECONOMY AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

REDDING – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$101 million in funding to 90 projects to improve transportation statewide.

“From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California,” said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim.

Project allocations included the Caltrans District 2 “Middle of Buckhorn” project on State Route 299 west of Redding. This safety project, covering two miles of highway located two miles east of Buckhorn Summit, will:

- Reduce number and severity of accidents
- Increases clear recovery zone and add shoulders
- Add a soft median
- Add a truck climbing lane
- Eliminate 7 and realign 10 of the 17 current curves
- Increase advisory curve speed from 25 to 35 mph
- Eliminate 18 STAA truck restrictions

The project will start this spring and finish by fall of 2012.

The CTC also approved the first phase of the Interstate 805 Managed Lanes North in San Diego County as the ninth design-build project under landmark state legislation (SBX2 4) signed in 2009. The legislation provided for a pilot program for the design-build method of procurement, which combines both design and construction into one contract to expedite the construction process and potentially reduce project costs.

The I-805 Managed Lanes North project will be built in five phases at a cost of approximately \$615 million. Caltrans anticipates the project will be completed nine months earlier using design-build. The expedited construction schedule will bring more jobs to San Diego County sooner than expected.

For information about all projects that received allocations please visit:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsmarch2011.pdf>

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